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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

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Los Angeles (LA) County is the most populous county in the United States (US). The US Census Bureau reports an estimated population of 10,170,292 living in Los Angeles County.

Population Density

- 2,490 people per square mile.
- 3,482,516 housing units at an average density of 853 per square mile.

Housing

- In L.A. County, Fair Market Rent, according to HUD, for a one-bedroom apartment during 2015 was \$1,103, which is 55% of the income of a family of four living at the federal poverty line.
- About 1 in 4 renters in L.A. County face extreme rent burden—paying 50% or more of their income on rent.

Poverty Estimates

- The poverty rate for L.A. County increased from 16.1% of the population in 2009 to 18.7% in 2015.
- Over 1.8 million people in L.A. County live below the 2015 federal poverty threshold, which is \$24,250 per year for a family of four.
- Over 4 million people live below twice the federal poverty threshold in 2015 or \$48,500 for a family of four.
- According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, as of January 2016, there are approximately 46,874 homeless individuals within Los Angeles County.
- As of March 2016, the unemployment rate in Los Angeles County was 5.4%, which is slightly lower than the State of California at 5.6% but higher than the nation's unemployment rate at 5%.

CSBG Accomplishments in 2015

Using \$5.6 million in CSBG funds, the Los Angeles County Community Action Agency, which is administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, provided services through 75 Community-Based Organizations. The estimated accomplishments in LA County were as follows:

- Approximately, 10,400 individuals including 3,800 families received some type of CSBG service(s) in Los Angeles County.
- 2,700 individuals/families received emergency food and/or shelter services.
- 800 individuals/families received protection from violence.
- 640 individuals/families received some form of legal assistance.
- 1,350 senior citizens received services that helped them maintain an independent living situation.
- 780 of the seniors served were individuals with disabilities.
- 690 youth increased their academic and social skills to achieve educational success.
- 350 youth improved social/emotional development and avoided risk taking behavior.
- 275 parents improved their parenting and family functioning skills.
- 200 individuals received employment services and obtained employment.

CAB Vision: Successful self-sufficiency and well-being for all in Los Angeles County

CAB Mission: To 1) empower the poor to become self-sufficient, 2) alleviate poverty's immediate challenges, and 3) address poverty's underlying causes through community action and advocacy.

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